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**For Your Consideration**

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## By Way of Reminder

*Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you.*

2 Peter 1:12

Remind: frequent recalling to mind so as to keep the memory fresh.

### **REMEMBER WHAT YOU WERE BEFORE BECOMING A CHRISTIAN**

*"But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe."*

Galatians 3:22

### **REMEMBER WHAT YOU HAVE IN CHRIST**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.*

Ephesians 1:3

### **REMEMBER WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND TO DO IT**

*Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

Ephesians 4:1-3

### **REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO FORGET**

[To the church at Sardis] *"So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you."*

Revelation 3:3

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## **REMINDERS ARE BENEFICIAL**

By frequently calling to mind, we keep such thoughts fresh in our minds. Consider how many things you are able to recall just by repetition: phone numbers, Social Security number, vehicle license plates, addresses, computer and ATM passwords, etc. And notice how soon you forgot when you seldom call them to mind.

# BAPTISM

Here are a few references to baptism found in the New Testament. When these, and others, are considered together, it becomes clear what baptism is all about.

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*And Jesus came up and spoke to them [the eleven] disciples, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:18-20

## **BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST**

*Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

Acts 2:38

## **BAPTIZED IN WATER**

*As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."] And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.*

Acts 8:36-38

## **BAPTIZED TO WASH AWAY SINS**

*'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'*

Acts 22:16

## **BAPTIZED UNTO SALVATION**

*"He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned."*

Mark 16:16

## **BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST**

*For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.*

Galatians 3:26-27

## **BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH**

*Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.*

Romans 6:3-4

## **BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY**

*For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

1 Corinthians 12:13

## **SUMMATION**

***One is baptized in water, in the name of Jesus Christ, washing away your sins, unto salvation, into Christ and one body; raised to observe all that is commanded.***

# Yes There Is! No There Isn't!

Some say that miraculous gifts of the Spirit, as mentioned the New Testament, are still being given today—and they use references in the New Testament to prove their point.

Others say that miraculous gifts of the Spirit, as mentioned the New Testament, are **not** being given today—and they use references in the New Testament to prove their point.

## THE QUESTION

Who is right? Whose position is upheld by what is revealed in the Bible? Actually, this matter can be settled quite easily. Not by arguments, but by facts.

## THE ANSWER

All that is needed to settle the matter are bonafide (beyond dispute) instances of people having miraculous power today. That would settle the matter once for all. If they have the power, then all arguments against are worthless. However, if there are no bonafide instances, all the arguments in favor are worthless.

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## INVALID TRANSPOSITION

In the New Testament miraculous powers were given to prove what was said.

Today what is said in the Bible is used to prove the existence of miraculous powers.

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## SAYING SO DOES NOT MAKE IT SO

The existence of miraculous gifts today is not something that can be thought, taught, and believed into existence. No amount of “testimonials” can establish facts. Hearsay of it happening somewhere by someone is not valid evidence.

If one is expected to accept the word of man that gifts of the Spirit exist today, and that without any proof, there's a problem. **A big problem!**



## WORD STUDY

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# Ark

There are two Hebrew words translated “ark.”

## tay-baw': a box; a vessel to float.

*"[Noah] Make for yourself an **ark** of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch."*

Genesis 6:14

*But when she could hide him [Moses] no longer, she got him a wicker **basket**, and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile.*

Exodus 2:3

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## aw-rone': (in the sense of gathering); a box, ark, chest, coffin.

*"They shall construct an **ark** of acacia wood two and a half cubits long, and one and a half cubits wide, and one and a half cubits high."*

Exodus 25:10

Called the **ark of the covenant**, the **ark of God**, the **ark of the Lord**, and the **ark of the testimony**. A chest or box containing the two stone tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments, carried by the Israelites in their wanderings in the desert after the Exodus.

*So Joseph died at the age of one hundred and ten years; and he was embalmed and placed in a **coffin** in Egypt.*

Genesis 50:26

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## Ponder This

# CONTINUING

*So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine."*  
John 8:31

In physics the continuing movement of an object is said to be affected by (among other things) resistance, obstacles, and diversion. These same three things affect a Christian who is determined to "continue in His word."

## RESISTANCE

**Fight against the opposition with faith and fortitude.**

*Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.*

1 Peter 5:8-9

## OBSTACLES

**Do not let them hinder or cause you to stumble.**

*Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.*

2 Peter 1:10-11

## DIVERSIONS

**Don't be sidetracked by worldly cares and riches.**

*"And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful."*

Mark 4:18-19

## KEEP ON KEEPING ON

**Quitting Is Not an Option!**

*If indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.*

Colossians 1:23

**By continuing, gain is possible. By quitting, all is lost.**

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